



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

BLOCK 31 – PROPOSED NAME OF NEW SCHOOL - BISHOP MACDONELL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*"For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit."
John 3:35*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Block 31 is a City-owned site in the Railway Lands located west of Spadina Avenue, south of Fort York Boulevard, north of the Gardiner Expressway and adjacent to the Canoe Landing Park.

The City entered into an Umbrella Agreement in 1994 with Canadian National Railways, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board for the purpose of collecting development levies for the construction of a community centre, child care centre and separate elementary schools.

The TCDSB school will have a capacity for 550 students, and as per board policy, a name is required for the new school.

After following the policy regulations for naming a new TCDSB school, it is recommended that the Board approve the name Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School.

B. PURPOSE

1. The name of the new school is proposed to be Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School. This was the result of consultations that followed Board Policy S.07 School Names.

C. BACKGROUND

1. **March 7, 2017** - A public meeting was held for the surrounding schools and communities at St. Mary RC Church Hall to discuss the naming of the new school. A variety of proposed school names were discussed.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. A public Meeting was held on March 7, 2017 and surrounding communities were notified. In addition, the local councillor, the MP and MPP were notified and asked to post the meeting date and location on their websites.

2. A number of potential school names were reviewed at the meeting, and the preferred choice of name for the school is Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School. (**Appendix A**)
3. The new school will be situated within the parish of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church. The pastor is supportive of the choice of Bishop Macdonell as the name for the new school, and has communicated this support in accordance with policy S.07 School Names. (**Appendix B**)
4. The Office of the Cardinal was contacted and the board received notice on April 11, 2017 that the Cardinal approved of the school name Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School (**Appendix C**).
5. Consistent with S.07 School Names, Regulation 1 (c) and (d), both the local Trustee Ward 9 and the school Superintendent have also signalled their support for the new name.

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. Once the new school name is approved officially by the Board of Trustees, planning and marketing of the new school will be conducted under its official name Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School, and will be communicated to the general public through a media release and supported by various social and traditional media.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the name of the new school as Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School.